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Response to office action dated February 27, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

The office action summary sheet does not acknowledge Applicant's priority claims under 35 U.S.C. 120 and/or 121 to Application Nos. 09/648,553 filed August 28, 2000; 09/233,168 filed January 19, 1999; and 08/718,051 filed September 13, 1996. The priority claims to these applications are recognized on the official filing receipt for this application, a copy of which is attached for the Examiner's convenient reference. Acknowledgment by the Examiner of the priority claims to these applications is respectfully requested.

The PTO-1449 form returned with the prior office action of May 29, 2003 is initialed to evidence the Examiner's consideration of the U.S. patent documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of January 23, 2002. However, this form is not initialed to evidence consideration of the foreign patent documents. In addition, the PTO-1449 form returned with the current office action for the Information Disclosure Statement of September 10, 2003 is not initialed to evidence consideration of JP 3-288824 or of the Japanese office action and translation thereof. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return with the next office action PTO-1449 forms initialed to evidence consideration of all of these documents so that these documents are listed on the front page of the issued patent.

Claim 23 has been amended to recite that the picture element, electrode and the additional capacity electrode comprise part of an additional capacity section. This

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language is believed to even more clearly comply with 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 23 on this basis is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 9-16 and 23-30 are allowed.

Claims 17-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to place this application in condition for allowance. The canceling of these claims does not constitute (and should not be construed to constitute) any admission with respect to the propriety of any rejection of or objection to these claims. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application directed to the subject matter of these claims prior to the termination of proceedings in this application.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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